include declaration of most food processing industries as high priority, delicencing of food processing industries except brewing and distillation of alcoholic beverages and those items reserve for small state sector, promoting domestic/foreign/NRI investment, providing fiscal relief etc. Government is also operating various Plan Schemes for promoting food processing industries.

(c) and (d) It is proposed to assist setting up of 250 Food Processing and Training Centres in different States during the 8th Plan period. During the first 3 years of the 8th Plan, assistance has been extended for setting up 150 such Centres. Out of which 30 Centres are proposed to be set up in Orissa. While the Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not itself set up any Training Centres, assistance is extended on the basis of proposals received. Action is initiated on proposals received.

Training of Border Security Force on Human Rights

930. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Border Security Force has embarked upon a programme to train its troops in all aspects of human rights;

(b) if so, the details of the training programmes; and

(c) in what way the training would help our soldiers to understand the implications of their actions and make them more effective in discharging their duties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM LAL RAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In BSF, training and re-orientation of the force personnel is an on-going process. In all the training programmes whether it is a 'pre-induction' or 'in-service' training, the training contents have been revised to provide adequate appreciation of the need for upholding the human values even in the face of grave provacation. The basic aim of the training is to sensitise all personnel from the level of Constable to the officer cadre to develop awareness and respect towards human rights. The training syllabi include contents relating to behavioural sciences crowd and mob psychology, police public relations, and social and legal aspects relating to human rights, etc.

BSF have also produced adequate training literature, booklets and video films on human rights to sensitise the troops. Video films on DO's and DONT's have also been made and sent to all field formations, for use and distribution at Border Out Post level.

Illegal Trade in Wildlife and Wildlife Products

931. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products have become highly organised in the country; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take for dealing with the issue of illegal wildlife trade and ensure that deterrent punishment is awarded to offenders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI REAJESH PILOT): (a) There are indications of the involvement of organised gangs in illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products in India but it still cannot be called highly organised compared to that in some other countries.

(b) Steps taken by the Govt. to check illegal wildlife trade include:

(i) This Ministry has set up a National Coordination Committee consisting of representatives of all major enforcement organisations

such as : Customs, Revenue intelligence, CBI, Police, BSF, ITBP, RPF and Foreign Post Offices, Traffic-India and Wildlife authorities to enable effective inter-departmental cooperation and coordination to deal with the problem of illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products.

(ii) Training programmes on enforcement and implementation and wildlife and other related laws and international conventions have been organised for all the enforcement agencies in Feburary and November, 1995.

(iii) Raids are carried out by the wildlife authorities, in cooperation with other enforcement agencies, if necessary, whenever information of illegal trading in wildlife is received.

(iv) India is a signatory to the Convention on International Trade in Endangred Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) under which international trade in endangered species and their parts and derivatives is strictly regulated.

(v) Rewards are given to informers for gathering intelligence regarding illegal trade and smuggling of wildlife products.

(vi) A committee set up by this Ministry to look into issues related to illegal trade in wildlife and wildlife products has recommended specific measures to deal with this problem and these are being followed up with the States for implementation.

(vii) Regional and sub-regional offices of Wildlife Preservation have been set-up mainly at the major export centres of the country to prevent illegal trade and smuggling of wildlife products.

सांसद/अतिमहत्वपूर्ण व्यक्तियों के कोटे के अंतर्गत गैस कनेक्शन

932. **श्री रामजी लाल:** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस वर्ष उनके द्वारा अपने कोटे में से कितने लोगों को कितने गैस कनेक्शन तथा इनमें से अतिमहत्वपूर्ण व्यक्तियों/सांसदों की सिफारिश पर भी कितने गैस कनेक्शन संसवीकृत किए गए;

(ख) कुल कितने सांसदों की ओर से सिफारिशें प्राप्त हुई थीं और कितने सांसदों की सिफारिश को स्वीकार नहीं किया गया;

(ग) इस संबंध में किन-किन मानदण्डों का पालन किया जा रहा है;

(घ) क्या जिन सांसदों की सिफारिशों को स्वीकार नहीं किया जाता है, उनको कोई उत्तर भेजा जाता है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) से (ङ) 1.1.95 से 30.11.95 की अवधि के दौरान पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस राज्य मंत्री (स्वतंत्र प्रभार) की संस्तुति पर 91694 घरेलू एल०पी०जी० कनैक्शन जारी करने के लिए एल०पी०जी० विपणन कंपनियों को आदेश दिए गए हैं। ये कनैक्शन व्यक्तियों के अनुरोध पर तथा तात्कालिक एवं उचित मामलों में सरकार के विवेक पर एवं सांसदों तथा पूर्व सांसदों सहित जन प्रतिनिधियों की सिफारिशों पर अनुमोदित किए गए हैं। जिन व्यक्तियों को तथा जिनकी सिफारिश पर ये कनैक्शन जारी किए गए हैं उनके संबंध में जानकारी को एकत्र करने में शामिल प्रयास, वांछित उद्देश्य के अनुरूप नहीं होगा।

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों की स्थापना हेतु आर्थिक सहायता

933. **श्री रामजी लाल:** क्या खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योगों की स्थापना हेतु आर्थिक सहायता प्रदान करती है; यदि हां, तो किन-किन वस्तुओं के लिए आर्थिक सहायता प्रदान की जाती है;

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस प्रयोजनार्थ कितनी धनराशि प्रदान की गई;